reasonable doubt, the saga had been accurately handed down for close on five hundred years, and the modern listener heard from human lips the details of the canoes, their names, the incidents of travel, the marvels of the discoveries—greenstone, volcanic glass, the moa or dinornis—which the first voyagers had made, and other features of the heroic story. All these agreed *in toto* with the story as preserved in the New Zealand tradition.

Conceive it being possible, in a Devonshire village, to hear the detailed story of an ancestral eyewitness, not of one of Nelson's voyages, not of the Armada, but of the fleet that carried Edward's, army to the campaign of Crecy!

Or again, at approximately twenty-five generations ago in each case, the genealogical tables of New Zealand, -Raratonga, Tahiti and Hawaii converge on common ancestors in Hua and his

brother Whiro, contemporaries of Tangiia, and at approximately ninety-four generations back in each case the four lines give common ancestors in one Te Nga-taito-ariki, his father Te Tumu and even his nephew Tu-te-rangi-marama. Thus since 450 B.C. in solemn conclave in the holy places